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## THE CIVIL WAR HAS COME TO JAMES A. GARFIELD NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE!



### Upcoming Civil War Programs & Exhibits in 2010

Third Saturday of every month beginning in January—11 a.m.

#### **James A. Garfield and the Civil War Tour**

Enjoy a special Civil War-themed program and tour of the Garfield site and home that highlights the future president's time as a Union soldier. Includes interpretation of Garfield's service as a regimental and brigade commander and Chief of Staff of the Army of the Cumberland. House tour features a visit to the quarters of Joe Rudolph, Garfield's brother-in-law and a veteran of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry. \$15.00 per person; please make reservations at 440-255-8722 or [jaga\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:jaga_interpretation@nps.gov).

Saturday, February 27—2 p.m.

#### **The Men of the 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts: A Black History Month Commemoration**

In honor of February's designation as Black History Month as well as the upcoming 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War, visit for a program by Civil War reenactor Steffon Jones about the famous 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts, the African American regiment depicted in the film *Glory*. He will appear in full Civil War uniform and discuss the history and contributions of African American soldiers to the Union cause. Free of charge (though anyone 16 and over wishing to tour the Garfield home or exhibits is subject to the regular \$5.00 entrance fee).

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#### **EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA**

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

**Sunday, May 2—2 p.m.**

### **The Rise of the Early Republican Party, 1854-1860**

The Republican Party was nearly three decades old by the time it elected James A. Garfield president in 1880. What led to the creation of the party in 1854, and how did it rise from a small Midwestern coalition to a powerful national party controlling Congress and the presidency just six years later? How did the new party lead to the onset of the Civil War? Learn more about the early Republicans and the rise of Abraham Lincoln at this Sunday afternoon program. Free of charge (though anyone 16 and over wishing to tour the Garfield home or exhibits is subject to the regular \$5.00 entrance fee).

**Saturday, May 8—10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

### **Civil War Re-enactor Spring Drills**

Join area Civil War reenactors from several different units as they conduct annual spring drills on the grounds of President Garfield's home. Marching, loading and firing muskets, and other common tasks of Civil War soldier will be demonstrated. Free of charge (though anyone 16 and over wishing to tour the Garfield home or exhibits is subject to the regular \$5.00 entrance fee).

**June 1-30—SPECIAL EXHIBIT!**

### ***Looking at Lincoln: Political Cartoons from the Civil War Era***

In commemoration of the approaching 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War, James A. Garfield NHS will host this special traveling exhibit from the Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History showing various depictions of Abraham Lincoln from political cartoons of the day. WARNING: some of these cartoons use racial terms that some may find offensive. However, we present the exhibit in the interest of education and furthering understanding of the political divisions that led to civil war over the existence of slavery in the United States. Free of charge (though anyone 16 and over wishing to tour the Garfield home or exhibits is subject to the regular \$5.00 entrance fee).

**June 1-September 30—SPECIAL EXHIBIT!**

### **Diorama of the Battle of Chickamauga**

James A. Garfield NHS is proud to host a grittily realistic diorama of the Civil War battle of Chickamauga, by far the most well-known engagement in which Union General James A. Garfield participated. This beautiful piece of art was made especially for the site by local artist Bert Floyd. Free of charge (though anyone 16 and over wishing to tour the Garfield home or exhibits is subject to the regular \$5.00 entrance fee).

**Saturday, July 31-Sunday, August 1—10 a.m.-4 :30 p.m.**

### **Civil War Encampment**

The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War is rapidly approaching! Get ready with a weekend encampment on the grounds of President Garfield's home. Civil War reenactors representing both Union and Confederate troops will march, drill, and fire muskets. Other activities will include a speech by "James A. Garfield," a Civil War medical display, and more! Free of charge (though anyone 16 and over wishing to tour the Garfield home or exhibits is subject to the regular \$5.00 entrance fee).